

VI. Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

A. The rejection of claims 1-5, 7-11, 14, 27-31, 33 and 39 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rautila et al. (US Patent 6,549,625) in view of Suarez (US Patent 5,790,789).

B. The rejection of claims 20, 21 and 32 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rautila et al. in view of Konishi (US Patent 5,301,273).

C. The rejection of claims 22, 25, 26, 37 and 40-43 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rautila et al. in view of Plotnick et al. (US Patent Publication 2002/0178447).

D. The rejection of claim 34 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rautila et al. in view of Plotnick et al. and further in view of Konishi.

E. The rejection of claims 35 and 36 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rautila et al. in view of Suarez further in view of Plotnick et al.